

nourable *Charles Calvert*, that notwithstanding the Sense of the Legislature then was, that an Act or Acts imposing a Duty on Tobacco Exported, to the Use and Support of his Lordship's Government, did not extend to the Government under their Majesties; Wherefore we humbly presume the said Act of 1692, herein before recited, was made for the Support of their Majesty's Governor and Government for the Time being, as by the said Act relation being thereunto had may more at large appear.

Your said Committee most humbly beg leave further to observe, that by what appears to them, the said Duty continued to be levied and raised by the said recited Act of 1699, until the Year 1704, in the Reign of her late most Sacred Majesty Queen *Anne* of Pious Memory, and at which Time an Act Passed, entituled, *An Act for Settlement of an annual Revenue upon her Majesty's Governor within this Province for the Time being*; In which said Act is recited the before mentioned Act, made and passed in the Year 1671, and after reciting also the said Act before mentioned to have been made and passed on the 10th day of *May* in the Year 1692, it is by the said Act among other things Enacted, that the said *One Shilling* per Hogshead for defraying the Charges of Government aforesaid, as well for such Ships or Vessels as had then already Cleared before the making of this Act, as such then remaining in this Province, should be raised, levied, collected and paid unto our then Sovereign Lady the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, for the Support of her Government for the Time being in and over this her Majesty's Province aforesaid, and the Territories to the same belonging, for every Hogshead and quantity of an Hogshead of Tobacco, which had been for and during the Time aforesaid, or which thereafter should be at any Time Shipped in any Ship or Vessel to be Exported out of this Province, or any the Territories, Islands, Ports, Rivers, Creeks or Places thereunto belonging as aforesaid; Provided always, and it is by this Act declared to be the true Intent and Meaning thereof, that this Act nor any thing therein contained, should be adjudged, construed, reputed or taken (any thing therein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding) to Disannul or make Void his Lordship's Right to the other Moiety of the said *Two Shillings* per Hogshead, to be paid in consideration of his Rents and Alienation Money in Tobacco at *Two Pence* per Pound, during the Term of his natural Life (but that the same be kept and by this Act preserved to his Lordship, in as full and ample manner as by the said recited Law is expressed or intended) or in the least to discharge his Lordship of receiving the Rents aforesaid at *Two Pence* per Pound, as by the said recited Act is enjoined, during also the Term of his natural Life, nor to discharge his Lordship from account-